consolidated remuneration to all these part-time employees is being taken up by the A&N Administration in view of increase in the cost of living.

Coconut Development Board

6773. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the activities undertaken and results achieved by the Coconut Development Board during the last three years in Goa; and

(b) the action plan drawn up for development of coconut plantations in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The activities undertaken by the Coconut Development Board in Goa during the last three years include;

(i) Bringing additional area of 223 hectares under coconut; and

(ii) installation of 128 pumpsets.

(b) The action plan for development of coconut plantations in Goa for the year 1992-93 proposes to produce and distribute TxD hybrid coconut seedlings; expansion of area under coconut; and provide assistance for irrigation facilities.

Consulate of Protugal in Goa

6774. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Protugal for the opening of a Consulates of that country in Goa;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government have taken any decision on custodian property in Goa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been referred to the Goa Govt. for their views in this record.

(c) and (d). These properties are being managed by the Custodian of Evacuee Property of the Government of Goa.

Economic and Commercial Wings in Indian Missions

6775. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the role played by the economic and commercial wings of the Indian Missions abroad in promoting our commercial and economic interest;

(b) whether the officials heading such wings are specially trained and equipped for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to revamp these wings to promote actively the exports of our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The economic & commercial winghs of Indian Missions abroad play an action role in promoting our commer-

cial and economic interests. The commercial wings have undertaken an aggressive drive to increase our exports, to attract foreign investment and to channelise latest technology. An attempt has also been made to forge closer links with the major regional economic groupings, including the Association of South-East Asian National (ASEAN) and the European Community.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Foreign Service Training Institute regularly conducts refresher coureses for our commercial representatives abroad to equip them better for the task of promoting our economic and commercial interests.

(d) The Government assesses, on a continuing basis, the strength and functioning of the economic and commercial wings in our Missions and Posts abrade. Computers and other facilities have been provided, wherever required, to reinforce the economic and commercial wings. Posts have also been reallocated, within the overall strength of the Ministry, to meet the requirements of actively promoting our exports and pursing our economic interests abroad.

International Confernce on Goats

6776. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Conference on goats was organised in Delhi;

(b) if so, the recommendation made at the Conference;

(c) the recommendations relevant to Indian context; and

(d) the follow-up action taken to implement these recommendations;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir. An International Conference on Goats was organised by the Indian Society for Sheep and Goat Production and Utilization in collaboration with the International Goat Association.

(b) The recommendations have not been received by the Government.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Increase in Production of Gas

6777. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate natural gas deposits in the country; State-wise;

(b) the new natural gas deposits discovered during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have any propel to increase the production of natural gas; and

(d) if so, the specific steps proposed to be taken to step up gas field during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As on 1.1.91, the estimated recoverable reserves are as follows:–

State	(Billion cu. mts.)
Gujarat	117.1
Rajasthan	3.6